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Sir:

First, Applicants note that they filed a Request for Reconsideration in response to the most recent Office Action, on October 10, 2006, as can be confirmed by viewing PAIR. No action appears to have been taken by the Patent and Trademark Office since that date, and it is not clear whether Applicants' Request for Reconsideration has even been forwarded to the Examiner for action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request to be apprised when they may expect further action on their application.